



**Written submission from  
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**Mémoire de  
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation, Beaverlodge Project**

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Beaverlodge**

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Application for the Licence Revocation and  
Transfer of Properties to Saskatchewan  
Institutional Control Program

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Demande de révocation de permis et de  
transfert de propriétés au programme de  
contrôle institutionnel de la Saskatchewan

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**January 30, 2025**

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Senior Tribunal Officer, CNSC Registry  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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Dear Senior Tribunal Officer:

I would like to submit a written intervention for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) hearing on January 30, 2025, which will consider Cameco Corporation's (Cameco) request for the revocation of its Beaverlodge Waste Facility Operating License to allow for the transfer of the remaining 27 decommissioned properties to the Provincial Institutional Control program.

My name is Dean Classen. Until I recently semi-retired, I lived my whole life in Uranium City. I was the Chairperson of the Local Advisory Committee of the Northern Settlement of Uranium City for 10 + years and was also a local business owner for 40 years that collected environmental samples and provided support for site activities such as vehicle rentals and accommodation for Cameco for more than 20 years.

I attended many community meetings where Cameco provided updates on the remediation plans for the decommissioned Beaverlodge mine site. I also attended two remedial options workshops in Saskatoon in 2009 and 2012 along with other community members. These sessions were very informative and provided a great opportunity for community involvement. Some of the projects like the Zora Creek remediation were done in response to feedback from the community.

During public meetings Cameco provided information regarding the natural recovery of the area and activities they were performing to prepare the properties for transfer back to the Province of Saskatchewan. In response to community questions, the Uranium City Country Food study was conducted to collect information regarding to the safety of locally harvested food. Cameco also responded to questions regarding the safety of consuming moose harvested on the Fookes Tailings Delta by involving local youth in completing a study of vegetation and animal use on the tailing's delta. Following these studies Cameco reviewed the results with the community and confirmed that it was safe to consume country foods harvested on and near the Beaverlodge properties. These efforts were particularly important to me as a land user and consumer of country foods to know that they are safe to consume.

I was also a participant in a workshop hosted by Cameco in 2023 to gather feedback from locals and land-users on the development of a long-term monitoring plan once the properties have been transferred back to the province. Cameco considered the feedback received during this workshop and presented the planned monitoring program during a recent community meeting. We have always appreciated Cameco's efforts to address our questions and involve us in the Beaverlodge decision making process, through workshops and public meetings.

It is my opinion that Cameco has clearly communicated to our community, and I am confident in Cameco's assessment that these properties are safe, secure, and pose minimal risk to public safety or to the local environment.

It is understood that Cameco has applied for the release of the remaining 27 properties and revocation of the CNSC license and intends to transfer the remaining 27 properties to the Institutional Control program for long-term monitoring. I believe Cameco has done well managing the Beaverlodge properties and have no concerns with Cameco's application.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to intervene in this matter,

Dean Classen